(d) and (e) Category II formulations produced by SSI units but marketed by Organised Sector units are not exempted from Price Control under DPCO, 1987.

Import of Bulk Drugs

4581. Dr. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA : Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 3274 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) the names of the scheduled imported bulk drugs the prices of which were fixed on the recommendations of BICP under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that under provision 6 of DPCO, 1979 every importer of scheduled bulk drugs had to apply for Price fixation;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not fix any price of imorted bulk drugs and allowed the importers to overcharge;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a number of formulators consumed such drugs after getting them imported from their principals or associates;

(e) whether it is a fact that such transactions encouraged over-invoicing and inflation of prices;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry did not recover the overcharged amount from any of the importers under the provisions; and

(g) if so, what type of monitoring and implementation of control order is done?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO): (a) The prices of bulk drugs included in Category I, II & III of DPCO, 1979 whether imported or indigenously manufactured were fixed under DPCO, 1979 based on the recommendations of BICP.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) No such specific instances have come to the notice of this Ministry.

(f) and (g) In view of the replies to parts (c) to (e), do not arise.

Exemption from Price Control

4582. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3288 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee in its report did not give exclusion criteria which a drug fulfils for exemption from price control; and

(b) if so, what is the exclusion criteria fulfilled by Isoxuprine HCl, Polymixin-B-sulphate, Flucort, Phenformin, Durabolin, Avapyrazone Pancretin and Glipizide out of the five criteria referred to therein?

THE MINISTER OF NDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) The Kelkar Committee recommended drugs to be incuded in Category II for price control by adopting the following exclusion criteria:-

(i) Exclude those drugs which are not produced in India, provided that the consumption is not significant either now or in the near future.

(ii) To exclude those drugs the turn over of which has been less than rupees fifty lakhs in 1986.

(iii) To exclude all new drugs for which p·ocess of manufacture were deve'oped indigenously from the price control list at least for the first five years.

(iv) To exclude those life-saving drugs and pharmaceutical p·oducts whose availability is far more important than the price. As the nature of demand is such that it is required less frequently but its non-availability is fatal. The notable examp'es of such categories are sera and vaccines.

(v) Exclude those pharmaceutical products of drugs where the domestic production structure is so competitive that there is little possibility that the consumer will be over-charged compared to the cost of production.

भारतीय तेल निगम के अधिकारियों द्वारा दवाइयों के जाली बिलों के आधार पर राशि वसूल किया जाना

4583. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय तेल निगम के कैलाश बिल्डिंग, 26 कस्तूरबा गांधी मार्ग, नई दिल्ली स्थित पाइपलाइन प्रभाग के कार्यालय में क्लर्क ग्रेड से ऊपर के अधिकारियों द्वारा दवाइयों के झूठे चिकित्सा खर्च प्रतिपूर्ति बिल देकर प्रति अधिकारी प्रति मास हजारों रुपए वसूल किए जा रहे हैं जो साल में लाखों रुपए तक पहुंच जाते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से कोई जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) में उल्लिखित प्रत्येक अधिकारी का नाम और पदनाम क्या है और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उनमें से प्रत्येक अधिकारी द्वारा चिकित्सा प्रतिपूर्ति के रूप में कितनी-कितनी राशि प्राप्त की गई ;

(घ) क्या जाली चिकित्सा बिल प्रस्तुत करके इस प्रकार भारी राशि को वसूलने पर अंकुश लगाए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?